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The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1        1.     [Currently amended] A method for assigning taxability  
2        codes to purchases and processing tax invoices, comprising  
3        the steps of:

4            receiving from a user, identified by company indicia to  
5        one of a plurality of company groups, a purchase requisition  
6        selectively for at least one of a service [[or]] and  
7        commodity line-item object;

8            responsive to said indicia and said line-item object,  
9        determining in a front end process, a tax code and tax  
10       location based on defined business rules;

11           feeding said tax code and said tax location code to a  
12       back end process; and

13           in said back end process, converting said tax code and  
14       tax location to a tax jurisdiction code with associated tax  
15       rate; and

16           in said back end process, preparing a purchase order  
17       identified to said one of said plurality of company groups  
18       for transmittal to a supplier of said object.

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1        2.    [Original]    The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2        the steps of:

3                receiving an invoice from said supplier, said invoice  
4        selectively including a tax field;

5                responsive to said tax field, and to said company group  
6        and tax code indicia from said purchase order, processing  
7        said invoice and said tax field to selectively pay, short  
8        pay, or reject said invoice.

1        3.    [Original]    The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2        the step of:

3                receiving from said user tax code indicia and tax  
4        location indicia, thereby involving said user in  
5        defining taxability for said object based on defined  
6        business rules.

1        4.    [Original]    The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2        the steps of:

3                providing for each prospective object, a corresponding  
4        tax code; and

5                defining taxability for said object in said requisition  
6        with reference to said corresponding tax code and said

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7 tax location.

1 5. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 maintaining in a taxability table for each general  
4 ledger account a corresponding tax code and tax ship to  
5 location;

6 responsive to user selection of said object, obtaining  
7 from said taxability table said tax code and said tax  
8 location; and

9 defining taxability for said object in said requisition  
10 with reference to said corresponding tax code and tax  
11 ship to location.

1 6. [Currently amended] A system for assigning taxability  
2 codes to line-item purchases and processing tax invoices,  
3 comprising:

4 a user requisition interface for receiving from a user,  
5 identified by company indicia to one of a plurality of  
6 company groups, a purchase requisition for a service or  
7 commodity line-item object;

8 a front end processor;

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9 a back end processor;

10 said front end processor being responsive to said  
11 indicia and said line-item object for determining a tax  
12 code and tax location, and for converting said tax code  
13 into a converted tax code and said tax location into a  
14 tax jurisdiction for each line-item object of said tax  
15 invoice;

16 said back end process being responsive to said  
17 converted tax code, said tax jurisdiction, said  
18 preparing and said company indicia for preparing a  
19 purchase order identified to said one of said plurality  
20 of company groups for transmittal to a supplier of said  
21 object.

1 7. [Original] The system of claim 6, further comprising:

2 said back end being responsive to an invoice from said  
3 supplier selectively including a tax field and to said  
4 company group and tax code indicia from said purchase  
5 order for processing said invoice and said tax field to  
6 selectively pay, short pay, or reject said invoice.

1 8. [Original] The system of claim 6, further comprising:

2 said front end processor receiving from said user tax

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3 code indicia and tax location indicia, thereby  
4 involving said user in defining taxability for said  
5 object.

1 9. [Original] The system of claim 6, further comprising:  
2 a data store for providing for each prospective object,  
3 a corresponding tax code; and  
4  
5 said front end processor further defining taxability  
6 for said object in said requisition with reference to  
7 said corresponding tax code and said tax location.

1 10. [Original] The system of claim 6, further comprising:  
2 a taxability table for storing for each general ledger  
3 account a corresponding tax code and tax ship to  
4 location;  
5  
6 said front end processor further responsive to user  
7 selection of said object for obtaining from said  
8 taxability table said tax code and said tax location  
9 and for defining taxability for said object in said  
10 requisition with reference to said corresponding tax  
code and tax ship to location.

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1 11. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable  
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions  
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for  
4 assigning taxability codes to purchases and processing tax  
5 invoices, said method steps comprising:

6 receiving from a user, identified by company indicia to  
7 one of a plurality of company groups, a purchase  
8 requisition selectively for at least one of a service  
9 [[or]] and commodity line-item object;

10 responsive to said indicia and said line-item object,  
11 determining in a front end process, a tax code and tax  
12 location;

13 in said front end process, converting said tax code  
14 into a converted tax code and said tax location into a  
15 tax jurisdiction;

16 feeding said converted tax code and said tax  
17 jurisdiction to a back end process; and

18 in said back end process, preparing a purchase order  
19 identified to said one of said plurality of company  
20 groups for transmittal to a supplier of said line-item  
21 object.

1 12. [Currently amended] A computer program product—~~or~~  
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2 ~~computer program element~~ for assigning taxability codes to  
3 purchases and processing tax invoices ~~according to the steps~~  
4 of comprising:

5 a computer readable medium;

6 first program instructions for receiving from a user,  
7 identified by company indicia to one of a plurality of  
8 company groups, a purchase requisition including at  
9 least one line item for a service or commodity line-  
10 item object;

11 second program instructions, responsive to said indicia  
12 and said object, for determining in a front end  
13 process, a tax code and tax location for each said line  
14 item object;

15 third program instructions in said front end process  
16 [[,]] for converting said tax code into a converted tax  
17 code and said tax location into a tax jurisdiction;

18 fourth program instructions for feeding said converted  
19 tax code and said tax jurisdiction to a back end  
20 process; [[and]]

21 fifth program instructions in said back end  
22 process [[,]] for preparing a purchase order identified  
23 to said one of said plurality of company groups for  
24 transmittal to a supplier of said object; and wherein

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25        said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program  
26        instructions are recorded on said computer readable  
27        medium.

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